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1. (Twice Amended) A notification module for a voice messaging system, comprising:

an auto dialing calling module adapted to initiate a communication with a user at a remote location;

a table associating particular events with a need for notification of said user; and

a controller to activate said auto dialing calling module to send a [notify] notification message to said user upon satisfaction of a particular event;

wherein said satisfaction of said particular event is determined based on a comparison of [a plurality of] one or more entries in said table to call related information contained in a log.

16. (Twice Amended) A method for notifying a user of a voice messaging system or other designated party upon satisfaction of a predetermined event based on logged call related information regarding incoming calls, comprising:

logging a plurality of entries of call related information as it is received by said voice messaging system;

reviewing said plurality of entries of logged call related information for satisfaction of a predetermined event by one or more [than one] of said incoming calls based on said logged call related information; and

calling [notifying] a remote user with a notification message in response to satisfaction of said predetermined event.

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23. (Twice Amended) Apparatus for notifying a user of a voice messaging system or other designated party upon satisfaction of a predetermined event based on logged call related information regarding incoming calls, comprising:

means for logging a plurality of entries of call related information as it is received by said voice messaging system;

means for reviewing said plurality of entries of logged call related information for satisfaction of a predetermined event by one or more [than one] of said incoming calls based on said logged call related information; and

means for notifying a remote user with a notification message in response to satisfaction of said predetermined event.

24. (Amended) A telephone answering device comprising:

a controller;

a voice recorder/playback module; and

a calling module activated by receipt of predetermined call related information, said calling module being adapted to initiate a telephone call to a predetermined notification telephone number upon satisfaction of a predetermined event based on received call related information to notify a remote user with a notification message.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-25 remain pending in the application.

The Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider earlier rejections in light of the following remarks. No new issues are raised nor is further search required as a result of the changes made herein. Entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

35 USC 112 Second Paragraph Rejection of Claims 16 and 23

The Office Action rejected claims 16 and 23 as allegedly being indefinite under 35 USC 112.

Claims 16 and 23 have been reviewed and are amended where appropriate. It is respectfully submitted that claims 16 and 23 are now in full conformance with 35 USC 112. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 1-25 over Arbel

In the Office Action, claims 1-25 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Arbel et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,276,731 ("Arbel"). The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claims 1-15 recite, *inter alia*, a controller to activate an <u>auto dialing calling module to send a notification message</u> to a user upon satisfaction of a particular event. Claims 16-23 recite, *inter alia*, <u>calling a remote user with a notification message</u> in response to satisfaction of said predetermined event. Claims 24 and 25 recite, inter alia, a calling module to initiate a telephone call to a predetermined notification telephone number upon satisfaction of a predetermined event based on received call related information to <u>notify a remote user with a notification message</u>

Arbel appears to disclose a method and apparatus for handling incoming telephone calls (Abstract). Predetermined messages are delivered to predetermined calling parties based on call related information (Arbel, col. 8, line 6-68). In an alternate embodiment, calls are routed to a predetermined person or

voice message system based on call related information (Arbel, col. 8, lines 6-68).

Arbel discloses a calling party is given a notification message based on call related information. Alternately, a calling party is **routed** to a predetermined person or voice message system based on call related information. In no case does Arbel make a call, much less make a **call and send a notification message** based on an event, as recited by claims 1-25.

A benefit of having a device that makes a **call** and sends a notification message based on an event is, e.g., giving notification to a user without having require a conversation. Arbel routes a call to a user. Routing a call to a user requires the user to converse with the calling party. Applicants' invention sends a notification message. A notification message allows a user to decide when and if a conversation will take place with a caller. Such benefits are not possible or suggested by the cited prior art.

For at least all the above reasons, claims 1-25 are patentable over the prior art of record. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 24 and 25 over Rogers or Arbel

In the Office Action, claims 24 and 25 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Rogers et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,946,386 ("Rogers") or under 35 USC 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Arbel. The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claims 24 and 25 recite, inter alia, a calling module to initiate a telephone call to a predetermined notification telephone number upon satisfaction of a predetermined event based on received call related information to notify a remote user with a notification message

As discussed above, Arbel discloses a calling party is given a notification message based on call related information. Alternately, a calling party is routed to a predetermined person or voice message system based on call related information. Arbel fails to disclose a device makes a **call and sends a notification message** based on an event, as recited by claims 24 and 25.

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Rogers appears to disclose a Call Management System for management of call directly by system users at their workstation computers (Abstract). The Call Management System also functions as an out-bound call processor, working in conjunction with software in each user's workstation to provide a point-and-click interface for returning calls (Rogers, col. 2, lines 41-49). The Call Management System allows a called party to know who called, when they called, which calls were missed and to return calls through mouse clicks (Rogers, col. 4, lines 20-26).

Rogers allows a called party to return a missed call by giving a called party information of who and when the call was missed. Rogers fails to disclose a device makes a **call** and sends a **notification message** based on an event, as recited by claims 24 and 25.
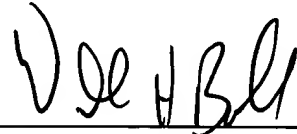
Neither Rogers nor Arbel disclose a device makes a **call** and sends a **notification message** based on an event, as recited by claims 24 and 25.

For at least all the above reasons, claims 24 and 25 are patentable over the prior art of record. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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